

REMARKS

In response to the requirement to elect a species for examination, the applicant elects p-xylene and the corresponding terephthalic acid, with traverse.

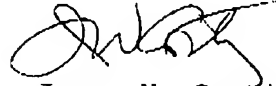
In response to the requirement to provide a definition of "aromatic hydrocarbon", the applicant is citing the definition in Hackh's Chemical Dictionary which defines "aromatic" as a derivative of benzene or a carbon compound whose molecule contains one or more carbon rings and "hydrocarbon" as a compound consisting of carbon and hydrogen.

In response to the requirement to provide a definition of the term "corresponding acids/anhydrides", the applicant wishes to point out that this term refers to the acids and anhydrides that can be made from the particular aromatic hydrocarbons described in the present application.

The present application is the national stage of a PCT application and under the provisions of the PCT treaty, it is not proper to require the election of a species under 35 U.S.C. §121. Under the ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT, pages AI-57-57, which is available as Annex B to APPENDIX T of the MPEP, unity of invention is present if there is a technical relation between the claimed subject matter. Once it is established that there is a technical relation between the claimed subject matter, there is no provision for requiring the election of species. For these reasons, it is requested that an Office Action be issued on the claims as filed.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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